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IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF

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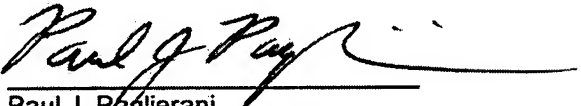
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Office Action of January 23, 2008 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on February 23, 2008. A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a), to extend the deadline to Monday, March 24, 2008.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$120 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis.

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